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**SENATE BILL NO. 166**

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES; TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION; TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

**SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That it is hereby declared to be the policy of this state to allow and promote the establishment and development of free public library service throughout this state as a part of its provision for public education.

**SECTION 2.** The board of supervisors of any county in the state of Mississippi, or other governing bodies of the counties of this state, and municipalities and towns, through their governing bodies, may establish and maintain or aid in establishing and maintaining free public libraries for the use of the citizens of the respective counties, municipalities or towns, either separately or in connection with free public libraries already established therein. For said purpose said governing body may acquire the necessary real estate, either by purchase, gift or donation and may erect the necessary buildings thereon.

**SECTION 3. FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.** Where any library is established under this act, either by the county board of supervisors or the governing body of a municipality, the cost of purchasing land, erecting buildings, and equipping and maintaining such library may be paid for in whole or in part out of the general funds of the county or municipality, if, in the opinion of the governing authority, said funds are adequate for that purpose.

**SECTION 4. REGIONAL LIBRARIES.** Two or more counties by action of their boards of supervisors may join in establishing and maintaining a regional library under the terms of a contract to which all of said counties agree. The expenses of the regional library shall be apportioned between or among the counties concerned on such basis as shall be agreed upon in the contract. The library building shall be located at a place in one of the counties to be agreed upon by the boards of supervisors of the various counties in said regional library district.

**SECTION 5. PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL OR COUNTY LIBRARIES BY EXISTING LIBRARIES.** When a county or regional library shall have been established under this act, any municipality which is aiding in maintaining or supporting a public library may participate in said county or regional library. Said participation shall be on such terms as may be agreed upon among the governing body of the municipality, the board of trustees of the existing municipal library and the board of trustees of the county or regional library.

**SECTION 6. CONTRACT SERVICE.** The governing board of any municipality which is not aiding in maintaining or supporting an existing

library may contract with the board of trustees of any existing county, regional or other public library to receive the services of said established library. Said contract shall contain such terms, agreements and conditions as may be agreed upon between the governing board of the municipality and the board of trustees of the established library.

The board of supervisors of a county in the state which has no county library and which is not in a regional library district may, with the consent of the board of trustees of an established library, contract for library services from any established library; provided, that such library be subject to inspection by the secretary of the state library commission and be certified by him as maintaining a proper standard. Said contract shall contain such terms, agreements and conditions as may be agreed upon between the board of supervisors and the board of trustees of the library. Any school district may contract for school library service from any existing library, such service to be paid from funds available to the school district.

**SECTION 7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** The management and control of a county, municipal, or regional library shall be vested in a board of five (5) trustees. In county and municipal libraries they shall be appointed by the governing authority of the county or municipality. In regional libraries they shall be appointed by the joint action of all of the county boards of supervisors in said district. The first appointments shall be for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years respectively, and thereafter, a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve five (5) years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the same manner in which members of the board were regularly chosen. No trustee shall receive a salary or other compensation for his services.

**SECTION 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES—ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES.** The trustees, immediately after their appointment or election, shall meet and organize by the election of such officers as they deem necessary. They shall (1) adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library as they deem expedient; (2) have the supervision, care, and custody of all property of the library, including the rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart, therefor; (3) employ a librarian, and upon his recommendation employ such other assistants as may be necessary, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and remove them for a cause; (4) submit annually to the governing body a budget containing estimates for the ensuing year; (5) have exclusive control of the finances of the library; (6) accept such gifts of money or property for library purposes as they deem expedient; (7) on recommendation of librarian purchase books, periodicals, maps, and supplies for the library; (8) and do all other acts necessary for the orderly and efficient management and control of the library. Provided however, that no expenditure made or contracted by said trustees shall be binding on any county or municipality so as to require any payment in excess of funds made available for library purposes under this act.

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**SECTION 9. ANNUAL REPORTS.** At the close of each year the board of trustees of every library shall make a report to the governing body in the county or municipality wherein the board serves, showing the condition of their trust during the year, the sums of money received for the library fund from taxes and other sources, the sums of money expended and the purposes of the expenditures, the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added during the year, the number withdrawn, the number loaned out, and such other statistics and information and such suggestions as they deem of public interest. A copy of this report shall be filed in the state library commission.

**SECTION 10. FREE USE OF LIBRARIES.** Every library established or maintained under this act shall be free for the use of the residents of the territory included within the library district, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the trustees find necessary. Provided, however, that the trustees may charge a reasonable fee for the use of certain copies of popular fiction and non-fiction.

**SECTION 11.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed except that this act shall not be construed to abrogate the force of charter provisions or any local act governing existing public libraries. And provided further that this act shall not be construed to repeal Section 290 (J), Code of 1930, as amended but shall be construed as additional and supplementary thereto.

**SECTION 12.** That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 25, 1938.

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 386**

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**AN ACT REQUIRING STATE PUBLICATIONS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BUREAUS AND BOARDS TO BE DEPOSITED IN STATE LIBRARY.**

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,** That all state officers, departments, commissions and committees, bureaus and boards, issuing biennial, annual, or special reports of any nature, where such reports are printed, typewritten or mimeographed, shall deposit with the Mississippi State Library, for general reference use in said library, at least two (2) copies of each of such printed, typewritten or mimeographed reports; such deposits to be made immediately after issuance of same.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall, after the adjournment of each session of the Legislature, deposit in the State Library at least two (2) copies of all special legislative committee reports, when such reports shall have been printed, typewritten or mimeographed.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall, immediately after the passage of this act, give written notice to the head of each state department, committee, commission, bureau and board directing their attention to this act and the necessity of their compliance therewith.

SECTION 4. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1938.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 365

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AN ACT TO CREATE AS A PART OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE LIBRARY A LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That there is hereby created, as a part of the Mississippi State Library, a Legislative Reference Bureau, for the use of the members of the Legislature, the Governor, and the various departments, institutions, and agencies of this state, as well as for a limited service for such citizens of this state as may desire to avail themselves of its reference facilities.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the said Legislative Reference Bureau shall be:

(A) To assist the Legislature of this State in the proper performance of its constitutional functions by providing its members with impartial and accurate information and reports concerning the legislative problems which come before them; and by providing digests showing the practices of other states and of foreign nations in dealing with similar problems;

(B) To secure information for the legislators of this state by co-operating with the legislative reference services in other states, and with the Interstate Reference Bureau maintained by the American Legislators' Association and by the Council of State Governments;

(C) To furnish to the members of the Legislature of this State, copies of the legislation of other states, uniform laws, model bills, text books on the preparation of legislative measures, and such other information and material as may be of value to them in the preparation of bills for introduction into the legislature of this State.

SECTION 3. The Legislative Reference Bureau shall be in charge of the State Librarian, and she shall be the Director thereof, and the duties of said Director shall in no way interfere with or lessen the duties of the Librarian as already prescribed by law.

SECTION 4. The Legislative Reference Bureau shall be maintained out of the funds appropriated biennially to the State Library by the Legislature.

SECTION 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1938.

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**APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNIAL, JULY 1, 1938—JUNE 30, 1940**

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Departments	Appropriation	Increase
Archives and History.....	\$ 19,600.00	\$ 5,200.00
State Library .....	\$ 15,825.00	\$ 1,500.00
State Library Commission.....	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
 Total.....	 \$ 44,425.00	 \$ 8,420.00

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**ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

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**JULY 1, 1936—JUNE 30, 1938**

In giving a summary of the activities of the State Library Commission, it is well to review in our minds the functions of a state agency. For your convenience we shall give a brief summary of why the Legislature created the State library extension agency:

1. To set up a program for the library development of the whole state.
2. To draft needed library legislation and work for its passage.
3. To aid in establishing libraries on a unit large enough to be effective and in developing existing libraries.
4. To supplement the service of libraries in the state by lending books to meet special needs.
5. To give direct book service to communities, groups, and individuals through traveling libraries and direct service until adequate local library service is established.
6. To advise or supervise school and institutional libraries.
7. To administer state aid for libraries in states where such aid is available and in these states have some authority to set standards.
8. To encourage professional training of librarians.
9. To issue bulletins showing the library activities and conditions of the state.
10. To compile statistics of every type of library service in the state showing the status quo of library service.

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**JULY 1, 1936—JUNE 30, 1937**

The following visits have been made by the secretary: 33 public libraries, 9 senior colleges, 12 junior colleges, 66 counties where contacts were made with city school superintendents, county superintendents, and

librarians, 60 high schools, 50 elementary schools, 66 WPA projects, 6 Negro colleges, 5 state institutions, and one special library.

Two trips have been made to Tupelo to assist in establishing a public library.

The secretary has prepared and delivered 14 addresses before the following groups: Library Section of the Mississippi Education Association, Library School of George Peabody College, Home Economics Association, WPA Conference of County Directors of the Mississippi Library Project, Business and Professional Women's Club, Canton, Luncheon of Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, and other civic organizations.

Six state and out of state conferences have been attended: Southeastern Library Association, Asheville; American Library Association, New York; Federation of Women's Clubs, Jackson; Home Economics Association, Jackson; Education Association, Jackson; and WPA Conference, Jackson.

The Commission has initiated the publication of a periodical covering the library news of the state. It is issued quarterly and is entitled "Library News." Two issues have been published.

Eight high school positions have been filled upon recommendation from this department. A number of applications are on file for public library positions, but no vacancies have occurred.

The secretary has made a complete inventory of the collection, supervised the moving of the collection to the WPA project, made duplicate cards for the collection, cataloged 375 books and transferred them to WPA projects.

Statistics, showing the status of libraries in Mississippi for the year 1935, and the year 1936, have been compiled, and also a directory of librarians in Mississippi.

Plans are made for quarterly board meetings, records are kept of all financial transactions, and the minutes of the meeting. Detailed reports of the work for each month are prepared and mailed to each member of the Commission. A number of publicity articles have been written.

Six conferences have been held with heads of departments in the State Department of Education.

Book lists were prepared for the Home Economics Association and the University High School. Assistance was given in revising the reading list for elementary schools in the state.

The secretary with a committee of three drew up a state planning program and drafted the Public Library act to be presented to the Legislature of 1938, also served as ex-officio member of the Committee to draw up standards for Mississippi High School Libraries. These standards were adopted April 28, 1937, by the State Accrediting Commission.

JULY 1, 1937—JUNE 30, 1938

A permanent record of all library statistics, including a directory of librarians for 1936-1937, has been compiled and filed.

Six hundred sixty-seven titles have been selected, cataloged and cards filed since July 1, 1936.

Through the able assistance of Hon. William Maynard of the Attorney-General's staff, the general library law was drafted. The law was based upon careful study and research and upon recommendations made by a special committee of the State Library Commission. The bill was passed in the regular session of 1938 on March 25. A copy of the bill is included in this issue.

Governor Hugh White issued a proclamation setting aside the first week in November, 1937, as Library Week. The provisions of the general library law were discussed with Governor White.

There has been an interesting demonstration of library service in Alcorn and Tishomingo Counties through cooperation of TVA, WPA and the State Library Commission. Conferences have been held from time to time with Miss Mary U. Rothrock, director of TVA libraries.

Alcorn County has the first and only Library Board appointed under the new law. The secretary met with the library board in April to assist in drawing up the by-laws and to discuss with the board plans for establishing a county library.

The secretary was appointed to represent the state on the Federal Relations Committee of the American Library Association. Information concerning the status of the Federal Aid bill for Education, including libraries was sent to all public libraries, civic organizations, such as Federated Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, men's clubs, etc., from the state Library Commission asking them to get in touch with their congressmen urging their support of the bill.

The secretary has been appointed to serve as a member of the Mississippi Advisory Committee on Women's Participation of the New York World's Fair in 1939.

Through the cooperation of the secretary and Miss Lucile Ehlers, Chairman of the Library Section of the Mississippi Education Association, Dr. Helen Gordon Stewart, of the Library School at Louisiana State University, was secured as speaker for this section.

Six numbers of LIBRARY NEWS have been edited and published to date.

Monthly reports of the WPA Project are summarized showing the development and status of the work throughout the state. The reports are compiled in the WPA state office and sent to the secretary to be summarized.

The following addresses have been prepared and delivered by the secretary:

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1938, Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, annual meeting, Greenwood.

STATE PLAN FOR EXTENSION OF LIBRARY SERVICE, Mississippi Library Association, Vicksburg.

THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICE IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, Delta State Teachers College.

Lectured to students in freshman class at State Teachers College on SOME OF THE VALUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE STUDY OF THE USE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

PRESENT STATUS OF LIBRARIES, OUTLINING PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT, Twentieth Century Club, Philadelphia.

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PRESENT STATUS OF LIBRARIES, Women's Club, Canton.

STATE PLAN FOR LIBRARY EXTENSION, Parent Teachers Association, annual meeting, Greenville.

LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 1938, Business and Professional Women's Club, Oxford.

PRESENT STATUS OF LIBRARIES, OUTLINING PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT, Twentieth Century Club, Grenada.

STATE PLANS FOR LIBRARY SERVICE, pointing out the importance of establishing a library on a sound legal basis, under the direction of a trained personnel, Horace Stansel Memorial Library, Ruleville.

READING, Literary Club of Canton High School.

PRESENT STATUS OF LIBRARIES IN THE STATE, Federation of Women's Clubs, third district, New Albany.

COORDINATION OF WPA PROJECT AND THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION, reviewed recent children's books and recent adult fiction and non-fiction, WPA Institutes, Jackson and Hattiesburg.

EXPLANATION OF THE GENERAL LIBRARY LAW PASSED IN THE REGULAR SESSION OF 1938, reviewed recent adult fiction and non-fiction, WPA Library Institutes, Tupelo and Greenwood.

PRESENT STATUS OF LIBRARIES IN THE STATE, pointing out how the local library will be improved in a state-wide library program, Library Board of Picayune.

HOW TO GET INCREASED SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY, Library Board of Biloxi.

STATE PLAN FOR LIBRARY SERVICE, stressing the importance of adequate local support for library service, Library Board, Greenwood.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE LOCAL SUPPORT FOR A COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, Library Board of Durant.

Assisted the board in making plans for cataloging the library, Durant.

HOW TO GIVE THE LIBRARY LEGAL STATUS, EXTENDING ITS SERVICE COUNTY-WIDE, giving an outline of what would be an adequate budget for the program, to mayor, council, librarian, and representatives of civic clubs at Aberdeen.

**Field trips:**

Public libraries visited: Okolona, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Greenwood, Corinth, Vicksburg, Gulfport, Biloxi, Pass Christian, Picayune, Aberdeen, Houston, Columbia, Canton, Greenville, Horace Stansel Memorial Library at Ruleville, Batesville, Oxford, Holly Springs, Philadelphia, and Durant.

Colleges visited: Delta State Teachers College, State Teachers College, and University of Mississippi.

High schools visited: Okolona, Hattiesburg, Jackson, Greenwood, Philadelphia, Corinth, Gulfport, Biloxi, Picayune, Columbia, Canton, Greenville, Ruleville, University High School, Holly Springs, and Durant.

WPA Projects visited: Inverness, Sunflower, Pontotoc, Verona, Cleveland, Hattiesburg, Holly Springs, Indianola, Drew, Ecru, Shannon, Iuka, Jackson, Canton, Moorhead, Grenada, New Albany, Corinth, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Doddsville, Baird, Water Valley, Tupelo, Rienzi, Ruleville, Biloxi, Amory, Pine Grove, and Houston.

Five state and out of state conventions have been attended: Institute for Librarians in Service, Chicago; Mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association, Chicago; Louisiana Library Association, Alexandria; Mississippi Education Association, Jackson; and the American Library Association conference, Kansas City.

**Circulation:**

Books on hand August 10, 1936.....	3,850
Books added by purchase.....	631
Books added by gift (Carnegie).....	36
Total.....	4,517
Books lost or withdrawn.....	277
Total.....	4,290
Books owned by WPA.....	5,867
Total.....	10,157
Total circulation through WPA office.....	60,713

No record is kept of circulation after the books are sent to units in the state.

**Correspondence:**

Requests from the State Library Commission.....	517
Letters sent out .....	1,628
Letters received .....	1,350
Questionnaires .....	419
Follow-up letters .....	72
Biennial reports mailed .....	42
Bulletins mailed .....	1,180

The percentage of questionnaires returned is very high. From one to two follow-up letters have been necessary for about 25 per cent of questionnaires sent out.

**Questionnaires answered:**

American Library Association annual report.

Two reports to LIBRARY JOURNAL showing money spent for books, periodicals, binding, salaries, etc. Also a directory of librarians in Mississippi.

Two reports to A.L.A. Classification and Pay Plans: salary, tenure, volumes, service area, etc.

Eight questionnaires as follows: Library laws of the state, history of libraries, library service to schools, status of prison and other state institutional libraries, annual report to Library Service Division, uniform statistical reports, etc.

**Expenditures:**

**Biennium, July 1, 1936—June 30, 1938**

Appropriation .....	\$7,500.00
Secretary's salary .....	\$4,200.00
Typist's salary .....	\$ 657.00
Travel, secretary .....	\$ 987.53
Travel, Commission members .....	\$ 282.57
Postage .....	\$ 86.00
Telephone .....	\$ 177.28
Office supplies .....	\$ 168.23
Magazines and newspapers .....	\$ 26.60
Books .....	\$ 415.10
Rent WPA Project .....	\$ 225.00
Bond .....	\$ 50.00
Printing .....	\$ 201.69
Library Commission dues .....	\$ 10.00
A.L.A. dues .....	\$ 10.00
M.L.A. dues .....	\$ 2.00
A.L.A. County Section dues .....	\$ 1.00
 TOTAL.....	 \$7,500.00

**PROGRAM ENDORSED BY THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR  
BIENNIAL BEGINNING JULY 1, 1938—JUNE 30, 1940**

**State Aid.**

The purpose of state aid is to make provision for statewide library service through regional and county libraries, to strengthen present service, and to assist the State Library Commission in putting into effect the best possible plans for library development. "State aid for libraries is as logical as state aid for schools. Libraries are necessary to our educational program. They reach more people than the schools because they provide continuous education when school days are over. They also help the schools by supplying reading materials, other than texts, to reinforce class room work. Diminishing revenues from real estate (the one tax generally collected and distributed locally), and the collection of new taxes by the state, give the state added responsibility for the communities within its borders. Inequalities in different sections, in the ability to support public libraries, can also be equalized by state aid."

State aid in two Southern states has shown what can be accomplished in the development of county-wide library service: Arkansas with an appropriation of \$100,000 for the biennium 1937-1938 has established to date nine county libraries; Louisiana through its generous appropriation for the State Library Commission and the cooperation of the Commission and the State Department of Education has carried out a demonstration of regional library service known as the Tri-Parish Library experiment. The success of this demonstration aided in securing for the next biennium an appropriation of \$200,000, \$25,000 of this amount to be used to continue this demonstration. The demonstration is under the direction of Miss Essae Mae Culver, executive director of the Louisiana Library Commission.

Other Southern states seeking state aid at the next regular session of their Legislatures are Texas, \$700,000; North Carolina, \$300,000. North Carolina has a state aid bill but failed to get an appropriation at the last regular session of the Legislature. Tennessee failed to secure a state aid bill for \$650,000 at the last regular session of the Legislature. Georgia failed to secure state aid but did get a great increase in the appropriation for the State Library Commission.

**Certification.**

Schemes of certification for librarians must be adopted to maintain appropriate standards of public service in the library field. "The library profession cannot escape what all other professions are being driven to, a longer, severer, more demanding education for the job. As complexity increases, new service demanding new knowledge develops." Certification of librarians is necessary to safeguard tax funds expended for libraries and to insure qualifications in their personnel. The present status of certification in the South is as follows: Georgia and Tennessee for every type of library service; Virginia for county, municipal, and regional; North Carolina for municipal, county, and regional; Louisiana

for county and municipal; Texas for county; South Carolina for county, regional, and municipal; and Arkansas for county.

#### **Coordination of Library Resources of the State.**

In order to get a coordinated program of the library resources of the state, very close cooperation of the State Planning Committee through very active committees of the Mississippi Library Association working with the State Library Commission will be essential. The State Library Commission should be able to furnish through very careful studies material showing the status quo of libraries in the state to the State Planning Committee: What are we doing that we ought to do, what are we doing that we ought not to do, and what are we not doing that we ought to do? Coordination of library service is not as easy as it sounds. It will require the active cooperation and participation of every librarian in the state in every type of library—rare collections; school libraries; special libraries such as medicine, engineering, and law; college and university libraries, and public libraries. It will be necessary to have a committee working with adult education groups; public relations committee to work with the state Legislature, agricultural extension workers, women's clubs, and other civic organizations; a committee to work with the university and colleges on the training of future librarians and to make a study and recommendations of salaries for librarians. Miss Anna M. Roberts has already appointed a number of committees and is spending much time and effort to carry out the above program.

The State Library Commission realizes that it has endorsed a very ambitious program. If it did not feel that it would have the support of every librarian in the state such a program could never have been approved. A study of the general objectives adopted by the Mississippi Library Association in the fall of 1935 will show that in endorsing the above principles the State Library Commission is only attempting to make these objectives a reality.

1. Effective library service for every person in Mississippi through city, county, or other large unit libraries and the State Library Commission, and adequate financial support for the service through local, state and federal funds.

2. A trained and adequately paid personnel to make the service effective.

3. Interlibrary cooperation within cities, counties, regions, states, and nationally . . . to the end that every serious student may be able to get the books, periodicals, and manuscripts, he needs, and that the resources of all libraries involved may be increased.

Such a program as outlined can be accomplished only through governmental agencies. State legislators must be convinced by their constituents that they want adequate library service. To accomplish this, it will be necessary to begin with the most remote section in every county, organizing groups, county by county, in support of the library program. The library service of the state will be what public opinion and sentiment demand.

## LIBRARY NEWS OF THE STATE

Alcorn County is the first county to take official action in organizing a county library under the new general library law that went into effect March 25, 1938. The population of the county is largely rural, the county seat, Corinth, having a population of 6,220. The total population of the county is 23,653 with 17.5 per cent negro.

The board of supervisors appointed the Library Board as follows: Dr. R. Warriner, Jr., Chairman, H. O. Russell, Mrs. E. M. Perry, Mrs. Nora Wilson, W. C. Sweat, an attorney. The major problems to be solved are housing, adequate support, means of distribution, and coordination of all library resources of the county. The board is planning slowly and well. The secretary of the State Library Commission met with the library board at its second meeting and assisted in drawing up the by-laws. The board was urged to see that the appropriation would be sufficient to employ a professionally trained librarian, purchase an adequate book collection, and provide a means of distribution. The board was also urged to make the library county-wide including the city of Corinth and to continue to cooperate with WPA and TVA.

### Aberdeen Public Library

The Woman's Club Library which has been cooperating with the WPA for county-wide service has taken the first steps toward organizing the library as a city library giving service to the county by contract with the board of supervisors, and continued cooperation with WPA.

The secretary of the State Library Commission was asked to appear before the city council in an informal meeting to outline the method of procedure to give the library legal status. The secretary also outlined the budget for an adequate library program. The librarian, who has been paid by WPA, has done an excellent work in Monroe County.

### Grenada County

The city of Grenada and the county have given some financial support to the WPA Project since the beginning of the program. Steps are being taken to make the library a permanent county library.

### Horace Stansel Memorial Library, Ruleville

The Horace Stansel Memorial Library will be dedicated in July. The library is located in Ruleville, the home of the late Horace Stansel. The library will give service county-wide to Sunflower County. The library has been built by county, city and WPA funds. Mrs. Horace Stansel donated the lot. Sunflower County and the city of Ruleville could not have established a more fitting memorial to Horace Stansel, who always promoted every activity for the educational welfare of the state.

### Union County

The board of supervisors of Union County has given excellent financial support to the county WPA Project since the beginning of the program. Steps are being taken to make the library a permanent county library.

## THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

One of the outstanding topics of the conference was how to get books to the 45,000,000 people who are today without library service. The meetings for the state agencies—State Library Commissions, State Libraries with Extension Service, State Departments of Education with Library Extension—centered on state and federal aid for rural library service and increased units of service.

At the meeting of the Extension Board of A.L.A. Alfred Rawlinson, executive director of the State Library Commission in Arkansas, gave an excellent discussion of what has been accomplished with state aid in Arkansas. The proposed bill for state aid for \$700,000 in Texas was discussed by Miss Julia Grothaus, San Antonio Public Library. Miss Essae Mae Culver, executive director of the Louisiana Library Commission, gave an interesting report of the state aid bill that is now before the Legislature. The status of the bill at that date was \$200,000 for the next biennium. Miss Marjorie Beal, executive director of the North Carolina Library Commission, gave an account of the state aid bill of \$300,000 which will be presented to the next Legislature.

Dr. L. R. Wilson, dean of the Library Graduate School, University of Chicago, pointed out the need for a constitutional amendment in all states making provision for library service mandatory. He stated that the key word in securing state aid for libraries is "education".

Other outstanding events of the conference were the awarding of the Newberry, Caldecott, Joseph W. Lippincott, and the James T. White awards.

The Newberry medal for "the most distinguished contribution to children's literature published during the year" was awarded to Kate Seredy, author of *THE WHITE STAG* (Viking, \$2.00). Miss Dorothy Lathrop, illustrator as well as author of *ANIMALS OF THE BIBLE* (Stokes, \$2.00), won the Caldecott award for the most distinguished American picture book for children published in 1937.

Frederic Melchner, editor of *Publisher's Weekly*, is donor of the Caldecott and Newberry awards, the Caldecott being offered this year for the first time.

Miss Mary U. Rothrock, supervisor of library service of the Tennessee Valley Authority, received the Joseph W. Lippincott award for the most outstanding contribution to librarianship in 1935-1936. Miss Rothrock was cited for her "rare vision and intelligence shown in organizing a regional library service and related adult education activities."

C. B. Joeckel, professor in Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, received the James Terry White award given for "notable published writing, professional or otherwise" for his *GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY*.

Both the Lippincott and white awards are given this year for the first time. The Lippincott award is the gift of Joseph W. Lippincott of

Philadelphia and consists of a certificate and \$500.00. The White award is a medal given by James T. White of New York and named in honor of his grandfather. The Lippincott certificate carries with it a special epigrammatical inscription by Christopher Morley which being the only one of its kind in existence makes it a valuable collector's item. Mr. Lippincott's plan is to have a different author inscribe the certificate each year.

An event of particular interest to Mississippians was the election of Honorable Ross A. Collins, representative from the fifth district, as an honorary member of the American Library Association in recognition of his untiring efforts in promoting legislation for the development of library service in the United States.

#### **Federal Aid.**

Dr. C. B. Joeckel, Chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, presided at a joint meeting of the League of Library Commissions and National Association of State Libraries. He introduced Forest B. Spaulding who was designated by the Committee with Secretary Milam to represent the Committee in Washington.

Mr. Spaulding gave a very interesting and detailed account of the bill—Federal Aid for Education, Including Libraries—from its introduction to the close of the past Congress. He stated that even though the bill failed to pass, it is hoped that it will be given favorable consideration when Congress convenes in January.

If you have not already received a copy of the bill, write to your senators and ask for Senate Bill 419. The amount to be received by Mississippi according to the present status of the bill is \$60,587 for the first year; \$121,174 for the second year; \$181,761 for the third year and the three years following for rural library service, that is, in towns less than 2500 population. The public libraries in cities can qualify under the appropriation for adult education if they make a good case for themselves.

Miss Julia Wright Merrill of the American Library Association suggested that librarians begin work with Congressmen now, contact women's congressional committees, Home Economic Associations, university of women's clubs, and other civic organizations. She also suggested that the state associations organize strong state planning committees, endorse the bill and pass resolutions at the fall meetings.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

Bailey, Carolyn S., Tops and whistles.  
Braverman, Libbie, Children of the Emek.  
Bronson, Wilfrid S., The wonder world of ants.  
—East of the sun and west of the moon.  
Holbrook, Florence, The book of nature myths.  
Overton, Jacqueline M., The life of Robert Louis Stevenson.  
Steffens, Lincoln, Boy on Horseback.  
Waldo, Lillian M., Safety first for little folks.

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Bannerman, Helen, Sambo and the twins.  
Bannerman, Helen, The story of Little Black Sambo.  
Batchelder, Mildren, Peggy stories.  
Bone, Stephen, The little boy and his house.  
Brandt, Rose K., Colored land; a Navajo Indian book.  
Brink, Carol R., Caddie Woodlawn.  
Burnett, Frances H., Little Lord Fauntleroy.  
Burnett, Frances H., A little princess.  
Coatsworth, Elizabeth, Alice-all-by-herself.  
Craik, Mrs. Dinah, The little lame prince.  
Dalglish, Alice, The Smiths and Rusty.  
Dalglish, Alice, Wings for the Smiths.  
Flack, Marjorie, Walter, the lazy mouse.  
Flack, Marjorie, What to do about Molly.  
Gaither, Frances, Little Miss Cappo.  
Garner, Elvira, Ezekiel.  
Gibson, Katherine, The oak tree house.  
—The history of Little Goody Two Shoes.  
Hader, Mrs. Berta, Green and gold.  
Hunt, Mabel Leigh, Susan beware!  
Kipling, Rudyard, Just-so stories.  
Knox, Rose B., The boys and Sally down on a plantation.  
Kristoffersen, Eva, Hans Christian.  
Lathrop, Dorothy, Bouncing Betsy.  
Lefevre, Felicite, The cock, the mouse and the little red hen.  
Lindman, Maj, Snipp, Snapp, Snurr, and the red shoes.  
Lindsay, Maud, Little missy.  
Martin, George M., Emmy Lou.  
Newberry, Clare T., Mittens.  
Orton, Helen F., The secret of the rosewood box.  
Piper, Watty, Children of other lands.  
Salten, Felix, Bambi.  
Sawyer, Ruth, Roller Skates.  
Sayers, Frances Clarke, Blue bonnets for Lucinda.  
Schultz, James W., Sinopah, the Indian boy.  
Seredy, Kate, The white stag.  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls, On the banks of Plum Creek.  
Wilson, Clara O., Wiggles, a funny little dog.  
Wright, Anna, Barefoot days.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S NON-FICTION

Ackley, Mrs. Edith, *Dolls to make for fun and profit.*  
Allen, Betty, *Behave yourself! Etiquette for American youth.*  
Baker, Robert H., *When the stars come out.*  
Baker, Robert H., *Introducing the constellations.*  
Becker, May Lamberton, *Adventures in reading.*  
Bierman, B. W., *Winning football, strategy, psychology and technique.*  
Crump, Irving, *Our-G-men.*  
Curie, Eve, *Madame Curie.*  
Floherty, John J., *On the air, the story of radio.*  
Floherty, John J., *Youth at the wheel.*  
Irwin, Inez, *Good manners for girls.*  
Lay, Beirne, *I wanted wings.*  
Mathiews, Franklin, ed., *The Boy Scouts book of outdoor hobbies.*  
Post, Augustus, *Skycraft.*

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S FICTION

Aldrich, Bess Streeter, *A lantern in her hand.*  
Alee, Marjorie Hill, *The great tradition.*  
Aldrich, Thomas Bailey, *The story of a bad boy.*  
Becker, May Lamberton, ed., *Under twenty.*  
Bell, Kensil, *Ice patrol.*  
Bowman, James C., *Pecos Bill.*  
Boylston, Helen, *Sue Barton, Senior nurse.*  
Brooks, Elbridge S., *The master of the strong hearts.*  
Burnett, Frances H., *The secret garden.*  
Canfield, Dorothy, *Understood Betsy.*  
Cather, Willa, *Shadows on the rock.*  
Charnley, Mitchell V., *The buccaneer (the story of Jean Lafitte).*  
Clemens, Samuel L., *The adventures of Huckleberry Finn.*  
Clemens, Samuel L., *The adventures of Tom Sawyer.*  
Cooper, James Fenimore, *The deer-slayer.*  
Cooper, James Fenimore, *The last of the Mohicans.*  
Corbett, Sidney, *The cruise of the Gull Flight.*  
Kelly, Eric P., *Treasure mountain.*  
Kent, Louise A., *He went with Marco Polo.*  
Kent, Louise A., *He went with Vasco Da Gama.*  
Kingsley, Charles, *Westward ho!*  
Kinloch, Lucy, *A world within a school.*  
Knox, Rose B., *Footlights afloat.*  
Lane, Rose Wilder, *Let the hurricane roar.*  
Lewis, Elizabeth F., *China quest.*  
London, Jack, *The call of the wild.*  
Masefield, John, *Jim Davis.*  
Meader, Stephen W., *Who rides in the dark?*  
Means, Florence C., *The singing wood.*  
Medary, Marjorie, *College in crinoline.*  
Morrison, Lucile, *The lost queen of Egypt.*  
Muir, John, *Stickeen.*  
Ollivant, Alfred, *Bob, son of Battle.*  
Parton, Ethel, *Vinny Applegay.*  
Ransome, Arthur, *Pigeon post.*  
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan, *The yearling.*  
Robinson, Mabel L., *Bright island.*  
Rosenber, Melrich, *With sword and song.*

Curtis, Mrs. Helen, *Jean and Co., unlimited.*

Davis, Julia, *No other white men.*

Davis, Lavinia, *Skyscraper mystery.*

Davis, Richard Harding, *The bar sinister.*

Eggleston, Edward, *The Hoosier school-boy.*

Farjeon, Eleanor, *Martin Pippin in the daisy field.*

Gill, Richard C., *Manga, an Amazon pungle Indian.*

Govan, Christine N., *The house with the echo.*

Gray, Elizabeth, *Jane Hope.*

Hess, Fjeril, *Shanty Brook Lodge.*

Hewes, Agnes D., *The golden sleeve.*

Hobart, Alice Tisdale, *Oil for the lamps of China.*

Holland, Ray P., *Jim Hunter: sportsman.*

James, Will, *Smokey, the cowhorse.*

Kastner, Erich, *The missing minia-ture.*

Sabatini, Rafael, *Scaramouche.*

Sewell, Anna, *Black Beauty, the autobiography of a horse.*

Skelton, Charles L., *Riding west on the pony express.*

Singmaster, Elsie, *You make your own luck.*

Tolkien, J. R. R., *The hobbit.*

Tunis, John, *The iron duke.*

Vestal, Stanley, *Revolt on the bor-der.*

Wallace, Dillon, *Ungava Bob.*

Webster, Jean, *Daddy-long-legs.*

Wharton, Edith, *The age of innocence.*

Wharton, Edith, *Ethan Frome.*

Williamson, Thames, *The last of the gauchos.*

Williamson, Thames, *North after seals.*

Williamson, Thames, *Opening Davy Jones's locker.*

Wiggin, Kate Douglas, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook farm.*

Wister, Owen, *The Virginian.*

#### ADULT NON-FICTION

Anderson, Harold H., *Children in the family.*

Angell, Sir Norman, *The defense of the empire.*

Armstrong, Louise, *We too are the people.*

Arlitt, Ada, *The adolescent.*

Batchelder, Bronson, *Profitable public relations.*

Bauer, William, *Health questions answered.*

Beach, Walter, *Social problems and social welfare.*

Benchley, Robert, *After 1903 — what?*

Breed, Charles, *The principles and practices of surveying.*

Brooks, Robert, *When labor or-ganizes.*

Buck, Paul, *The road to reunion, 1865-1900.*

Henry, W. H. F., *How to organize and conduct a meeting.*

Houser, J. David, *What people want from business.*

Hughes, William L., *The book of major sports.*

Hurloch, Elizabeth, *Modern ways with babies.*

Huxley, Aldous, *The olive tree.*

Johnson, A., *The public library, a people's university.*

Jones, R. M., *The eternal gospel.*

Kern, Marjorie D., *Getting along to-gether.*

Kniffin, William, *How to use your bank.*

Knight, Mary L., *On your own.*

Lebenthal, Louis, *The A B C of municipal bonds.*

Lorentz, Pare, *The river.*

Butler, Nicholas M., *The family of nations, its needs and its problems.*

Butterfield, William, *The business letter in modern form.*

Chaffee, Allen, *How to file business papers and records.*

Chamberlain, William H., *Japan over Asia.*

Clapp, William, *Engineering materials and processes.*

Consalus, Frances, *Attractive clothes.*

Crobough, Mervyn, *Economics for everybody.*

Davies, E. C., *A wayfarer in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.*

Davis, John E., *Play and mental health.*

De Kruif, Paul, *The fight for life.*

Ditmars, Raymond, *Wild animal world.*

Eaton, Allen, *Handicrafts of the Southern highlands.*

Emerson, Arthur, *Our trees.*

Fisher, Irving, *How to live.*

Ford, James, *The abolition of poverty.*

Fosdick, H. E., *Successful Christian living.*

Fry, Varian, *War in China.*

Gordon, Elizabeth, *More house for your money.*

Groves, Ernest, *The American woman.*

Haines, Elizabeth, *Fashion in Spinach.*

Hamilton, Joseph, *Safe driving.*

Hardy, R. M., *How to succeed in retail selling.*

Harr, Luther, *Banking theory and practice.*

Heiman, Edward, *Communism, fascism or democracy?*

McCorm, Charles, *Planning for college, and how to make the most of it while there.*

Mathewes, F. S., *Familiar flowers of field and garden.*

Millis, Harry, *Sickness and insurance.*

Niebuhr, H. R., *The kingdom of God in America.*

Owens, David, *Controlling your personal finances.*

Owens, Richard, *Accounting.*

Price, Willard, *Children of the Rising Sun.*

Rainey, Homer P., *How fare American youth?*

Raushenbush, Stephen and Joan, *The final choice; America between Europe and Asia.*

Rogers, Frances, *5000 years of glass.*

Shand, S. J., *Earth-lore; geology without jargon.*

Skinner, Charles E., *An introduction to modern education.*

Snow, Edgar, *Red star over China.*

Stewart, Maxwell, *Social security.*

Teale, Edwin Way, *Grassroot jingles.*

Tetlow, Henry, *We farm for a hobby and make it pay.*

Thurber, James, *Let your mind alone.*

Van Court, Catharine, *In old Natchez.*

Weeks, Bertha M., *How to file and index.*

Wieman, R. H., *The modern family and the church.*

Wiley, Bell Irvin, *Southern Negroes 1861-1865.*

Williamson, Edmund G., *Students and occupations.*

Woodhouse, C. G., *Business opportunities for the home economist.*

#### ADULT FICTION

Bently, Phyllis, *Sleep in peace.*  
Bristow, G., *Handsome road.*  
Carr, John D., *The Judas window.*  
Carr, John D., *To wake the dead.*  
Doherty, Ethel, *Seeds of time.*  
Faulkner, William, *The unvanquished.*  
Forester, C. S., *Ship of the line.*  
Haines, William, *High tension.*  
Hough, F. O., *Renown.*  
Lyttleton, Edith, *Promenade.*  
Prokosch, Frederic, *The seven who fled.*  
Raine, William MacLeod, *On the dodge.*  
Stern, G. B., *The ugly dachshund.*  
Thomason, John William, *Gone to Texas.*  
Van Dine, S. S., *The kidnap murder case.*  
Young, Emily, *Celia.*

